

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2004-22
Establishing a Governor's Advisory Council on Aviation

WHEREAS, an efficient and reliable aviation system is a critical element of Arizona's overall transportation system and the vitality of our state's economy; and

WHEREAS, the aviation industry had a \$37 billion impact on Arizona's economy in 2002 and supported over 467,855 jobs with a payroll of \$14.6 billion; and

WHEREAS, air travelers and tourists spent \$5.9 billion in Arizona in 2002, creating over 121,000 jobs in lodging, retailing and the service sector; and

WHEREAS, over the next 20 years the total number of passengers boarding at all twelve commercial service airports in the State -- including the three largest airports, Sky Harbor International, Tucson International and the Grand Canyon National Park Airport -- is expected to nearly double; and

WHEREAS, the total number of general aviation aircraft based in Arizona is expected to increase by more than 30 percent over the next 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the amount of cargo passing through Sky Harbor International and Tucson International and other major airport facilities throughout Arizona is expected to more than double over the next 20 years; and

WHEREAS, there is a great need to increase the communication and coordination between state and local entities with federal agencies that regulate airspace and other aspects of aviation in our state; and

WHEREAS, there is a distinct need to improve coordination and the compatibility between community land use planning and airport development and utilization; and

WHEREAS, there is a clear need to identify funding sources and funding strategies for enhancing aviation throughout the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor by the Arizona Constitution and the laws of the State, do hereby establish the **Governor's Advisory Council on Aviation ("ACA" or the "Council")** to develop strategies for improving the efficiency of Arizona's aviation system, enhance land use and aviation planning, and improve the working relationship and communication between state and local aviation entities and relevant federal agencies.

1. The members of the Council shall be appointed by the Governor and will serve at the pleasure of the Governor for up to four years.
 - a. The Council membership will include a chairperson to be named by the Governor.

- b. The Council will include the Director of the Arizona Department of Transportation or designee and at least ten at-large members with expertise or experience in aviation. At-large members shall not advocate for or represent any special or corporate interest when performing their duties on the Council. The Advisory Council, during the course of its deliberations, should take testimony from all aviation interests including corporations, aviation businesses, the military, and the general public.
 - c. The Governor may appoint representatives from other state, regional or federal agencies, such as the Federal Aviation Administration and the U.S. Department of Defense, to serve as Ex-Officio members of the Advisory Council.
 - d. The Arizona Department of Transportation shall serve as staff to the Council.
- 2. The Council, in consultation with state, regional and local transportation entities, shall establish mechanisms or procedures for improving the communication, dialogue and working relations with federal agencies that have jurisdiction over aviation issues in Arizona.
 - 3. The Advisory Council shall work with the State Transportation Board and other appropriate aviation officials to establish a process for defining future aviation needs and a strategy for addressing these needs.
 - 4. The Advisory Council shall study and issue “consensus” findings and recommendations that specifically address the following issues:
 - a. Airspace utilization and airport capacity
 - b. Land use compatibility
 - c. Federal funding for aviation in Arizona
 - d. Criteria for evaluating aviation facility and system needs
 - e. Future aviation needs assessments and funding strategies
 - 5. The Council shall issue a preliminary report twelve months from the Council’s first session and a final report twenty-four months from the Council’s first session. The report shall be distributed to the Governor, the President of the Arizona State Senate and the Speaker of the Arizona House of Representatives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this ____ day of
September in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand
and Four and of the independence of the United
States of America the Two Hundred and Twenty-
Ninth.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE